## TAFT'S REPORT.

Philippine Commission Replies to Inquiry Made by Secretary Root.

#### HOSTILITY AGAINST AMERICANS

Originally Aroused by Absurd Falsehoods of Unscrupulous Leaders-If McKinley is Elected the War Will Be at an End-Proper Tariff will Make Manila the Principal Port of the Orient-Reform Needed in Judicial System. .

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 19.-On August 17, Secretary Root cabled the Philippine commission for a report of its operations to date. Following is the dispatch and the reply of the commis-sion cabled on August 21:

War Department Telegram August 17, 1900.

To Philippine Commission, Manila. The President wishes you to report by cable the views of commission on the general condition of the islands as to peace and industry; business and revenue conditions prevailing; progress opportunity for education; disposition of the people toward the United States; what improvement in this particular; the present extent of the insurrection; how much of the archipelago is tranquil; how much is still in disturbed state; probable continuance of guerilla warfare, and influences operating to prolong it; how it can best be brought to a close; conditions and requirements of civil government.

ROOT, Secretary of War.

#### The Commission's Report. MANILA, August 21, 1900. Secretary of War, Washington.

Replying to dispatch, commission reports: It has for two months and a half made diligent inquiries into con-ditions prevailing. Mass of people has aptitude for education, but is ignorant. superstitious and credulous in a remarkable degree. Hostility against Americans was originally aroused by abaurd falsehoods of unscrupulous leaders. Distribution of troops in three hundred posts has by confact largely dispelled hostility and steadily improved temper of people. This improvement, further by abuses of insurgents, affirms that large number of people long for peace, and are willing to accept government under United States. In-surgents not surrendering after defeat have divided into small guerilla bands under general officers or become Ladrones. Nearly all prominent generals and politicians and insurrectionists ex-cept Aguinaldo have since been captured or have surrendered and have taken onth of allegiance. Policy of leniency culminating in amnesty had marked effect to induce surrenders, until defining of political issues in the United States reported here in full, gave hope to insur gent officers still in arms, of changed policy and stayed surrenders to await result of elections. Disturbances in parts of island, kept up and avowed by insurgent proclamation and orders, to influence election, do not show unfriendly attitude of majority of people of provinces where they occur, but only activity of small insurgent bodies in mountain fastnesses whence they issue for usually harmless night attacks, or murderous amoush of small American squads, or to collect contributions or recruit from people terrorized by cutting out tongues, cutting off limbs, burying alive, murder and plun-der. Difficulty of detection enables insurgents to maintain surveillance over people—even in some garrisoned

#### Uncertainty of Future Policy.

Uncertainty as to future policy of the United States and defenselessness of people without arms largely prevent them aiding Americans in suppressing outrages. Despite these difficulties. maintenance of status quo makes for more peaceful conditions. All northern Luzon except in Neuvaccija and Rulacan, are substantially free from insurgents. People are busy planting and are asking for municipal organization. Railway and telegraph lines from Manila to Dagupan, 122 miles, have not been molested for five months. In excepted provinces and parts of provinces of southern Luzon, insurrecto bands dodge from one mountain refuge to an other and give occasional trouble. Tagalogs alone active in leading guerrilla warfare have succeeded in recruiting bands among the Visayans in Samar, Leyte, and parts of Panay which maintain themselves by method described. In Negros, Cebu, Rombion, Masbate, Sibuyan, Tablas, Bohol and other Vis ayan islands, little disturbance exists and civil government is easerly await ed Near Cayagan in Mindingo old force of Ladrones makes neighboring country dangerous and disturbance exists at Surigao, but in south of large sparsely settled Island at Zamvoanga, Cottabatto and other points the country is tranquil. Four years of war and lawlessness in parts of islands have created unsettled conditions and unguarded American or foreigner trav-eling ordinary trails far from garrisons and attracting cupidity, runs risk of violence even in pacified provinces, Native constabulary and militia which should be organized at once will end this and the terrorism to which defenseless people, are subjected.

#### Natives Desire to Enlist.

Natives desire to enlist in these orenvirations. If tudiciously selected and officered will be sufficient force for maintenance of order and will permit early material reduction of United States troops. It is conceded by all but men in arms and is implied in their proclamation that if election confirms present policy remnant of insurrection will disappear within sixty days by surrender of leaders and fading out rank and file. Ladrones in part a her ltage from Spanish rule, will continue can be suppressed by measure Existing insurrection organization nov maintained with greatest difficulty for purpose stated. Effort is to mass enough insurgents to crush one of our small garrisons for political effect, but hitherto without result. Change of policy by turning islands over to a copoincy by terring islands over or in the control of the control of

and property, secular and religious most insecure, banish by fear of crue prescription considerable body of conservative Filipinos who have aided their people are not now fit for selfgovernment, and re-introduce the same oppression and corruption which existed in all provinces under Malolo insurgent government during the eight months of its control.

Factional Strife.

The result will be factional strife be tween jealous leaders, chaos and anarchy, and will require and justify ac-tive intervention of our government or some other. Business interrupted by war is much improved as peace tends, but investment of new capital is retarded by doubt concerning the policy of the United States. In Negros more sugar is in cultivation than ever before New forestry regulations give impetus to timber trade and reduce high price of lumber. Cultivation of rice in some provinces is retarded by loss of draft cattle through disease and war. is now fifteen cents a pound. Customs collections for last quarter were 50 per cent greater than ever in Spanish history, and August collections show fur-ther increase. Total revenue for same period was one-third greater than any quarter under Spain, though Cedula tax chief source of Spanish revenue has been practically abolished. Economy and efficiency of military government have created surplus fund of six mili-lons Mexican, which should be expended in much needed public works, notably improvement of Manila harbor, the conditions of which, with consequent delay and expense in landing goods is a greater embargo on business than many nearly prohibitory tariff rates in-herited from Spain and still operative With proper tariff and facilities Manila will become the great port of the Orient. Spanish revenue laws throwing burden of taxation on the poor give the wealthy comparative immunity. Tariff now prevents importations from Amer ica of canned goods; machinery and other necessaries. Spanish inland revenue chiefly arrived from poll tax, tax on small business, fishing license, the like, but no land tax. Are formulating laws remedying these evils, and confident that by judicious customs laws, reasonable ad valorem land tax, and proper corporation franchise tax, imposition of no greater rate than that in the average American state will give less annoyance, and with peace will produce revenue sufficient to pay ex-penses of efficient government, including military and constabulary. Bad condition of currency hinders business.

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judicial system favored by Filipino bar will be effected. Railroad franchises should at once be granted. Railroads will revolutionize life and business in these wonderfully rich, beautiful and healthful tropical islands. Forty-five miles of railroad extension under negotiation will give access to large pro-vince rich in valuable minerals, a mile high, with strictly temperate climate curing tropical diseases. Railroad construction will give employment to many, and communication will furnish market to vast stretches of rich agri-

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resumption of gold standard. Are pre-paring stringent civil service law giving equal opportunity to Filipines and with preference for former where qualifications are equal to enter nt lowest rank and by promotion reach head of department. Municipal corporations are being organized on popular basis. Much needed reform in civil and



#### Dangerous Kidney Diseases.

Colory King has cared me of kidney dis-ease. The doctor feared Bright's disease, and tried many remedies that gave me no help. Celery King has made menswell as ever in my life; and it seems almost as though a miracle had been wrought in my case.—Jen-tical Bellowed Sections.

cultural lands. Calls from all parts of the Islands for public schools, school supplies and English teachers greater than commission can provide until comprehensive school system is organized. Night schools for teaching English to adults are being established in response to popular demand. tive children show aptitude in learning English. Spanish is spoken by a small fraction of the people, and in a few years the medium of communication in courts, public offices, and between different tribes, will be English. Creation of central government within eighteen months, like that of Porto Rico, under which substantially all rights described in bill of rights in Federal constitution are to be secured to the people of the Philippines, will bring to them contentment, prosperity, education and political enlightenment,
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#### FALL CONVOCATION

Of West Virginia University Takes Place-Number Receive Degrees Attendance Larger Than Year—Changes in the Faculty. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Sept. 19.-Entrance examinations and matriculation at the West Virginia University nave been in progress since Monday morning, and this evening the fall convocation took place in commencement hall. An exceptionally good programme had been arranged, the chief feature of which was an address by Dr. A. W., Stanton, of Pittsburgh, on "American Education." The musical numbers were solos on the pipe organ by Prof. Ellenberger, and on the piano by Miss Russell McMurphy, of the school of music. Degrees were conferred as follows:

Bachelor of Arts—Miss Emma Conley, of Wisconsin; Hugo Frankenberger, of Charleston; David K. Hott, Ir., Stewart Stalnaker and Phil A. Shafter, of Martinsburg.

Master of Arts—Alexander G. McChesney, of Charleston, and William H. Whittam, of Morgantown.

Bachelor of Laws—Kemble White, of Mingo county.

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Class work will begin to-morrow, The enrollment up to this time is large enough to insure a substantial increase enough to insure a substantial increase over the attendance last year. A number of changes are announced by the president in the faculty, the majority of which have just been made by the executive committee. Dr. W. S. McGee will succeed Dr. A. E. Thayer, as professor of bacteriology and pathology, Dr. Thayer going to Cornell University, Dr. F. L. Cortright will succeed Dr. Otto Folin as assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. Folin going also to Cornell University. Phil A. Shaffer, who to-night received his bachelor's degree, will go with Dr. Folin as his assistant. Prof. Henry S. Greene has been elected to the professorship of Greek, made vacant by the death of Prof. Woolery, and Mr. Waliuman Barbe was appointed registrar. Leaves of absence for one year were granted to Profs, Armstrong, Miller and Hare.

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Prof. Hare will go to Harvard for s course in Latin and Greek literature. Prof. Willis will also be absent for two terms, his place being assigned to Mr. Allen P. Brown. Prof. F. W. Truscott of the German department, is succeeded for one year by Prof. J. W. Carr, of

of the defination of the compus has changed appearance under the supervision of landscape gardeners. Brick walks and terracing have greatly beautified the surroundings, a stone entrance to the east wing of Martin Hall has been built, and the athletic grounds have been graded so they are in first-class condition for both base ball and foot ball games. The grading for the three new buildings is now in progress. The south wing of university hall is nearing completion, which will give about afteen additional class rooms.

#### SCOTT AMAZED AT BRYAN.

Says it is Absurd to Tell West Virginia Farmers They are Not Pros-

New York Sun: Mr. Bryan's speecher New York Sun: Mr. Bryan's speeches in West Virginia have occasioned some surprise. It was expected by the Republican managers that the burden of his discourse in the east would be the imperialist issue, but he has taken quite another tack in Maryland and West Virginia. Senator Scott said this marning:

ing:

"Mr. Bryan has shifted his ground again and put another silde into his magic lantern. We thought this was to be his week for imperialism, but instead of that he has switched off onto the farmer issue and has informed the farmers of West Virginia how they have suffered under the McKinley administration. He tells them that the times are hard and that they haven't got any money, or if they have it is not due to the Republican policy. He also promises to give them more money, but neglects to say that this new money will not be worth half as much as their present money. To be sure, he says, it has happened that the farmers have never had better crops or a better demand for them, at home or abroad, and that money is pouring into this country from Europe, but this only happened so, the Republicans having nothing to do with it, and so forth.
"It really is an interesting question whether Mr. Bryan or any sane man can actually believe that the intelligent farmers of America take any stock in such transparent nonsense as this, when the simple fact is that the farmers are "Mr. Bryan has shifted his ground

can actually believe that the intelligent farmers of America take any stock in such transparent nonsense as this, when the simple fact is that the farmers are in much better condition than they were four years ago, and indeed were never so well off as now. This is the universal testimony of the farmers themselves, in all sections.

"Here are a few figures, among many, that might be quoted:

"The average value of farm animals has steadily increased from 1897 to 1990. The average for horses advanced from \$31 in 1896 to \$44 in 1909; the average value of mules from \$41 in 1896 to \$53 in 1990, and of cows from \$23 to \$31. In 1896 the average value of corn was 21½ cents a bushel. In 1899 the average value was 30.3 cents. In 1990 the total wealth in the hands of the farmers of America is about \$2,000,000,000 more than at the close of Cleveland's administration. Their exports of breadstuffs has year amounted in value to \$253,000,600,000 flood,000 more than hany year of Cleveland's term. The audacity of standing up before the farmers and telling them they are not prosperous, in the face of such figures as these, is amazing."

#### STEAMERS COLLIDE

Twenty Persons Were Lost-Vessels Were From German and English Waters.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 18.-The British teamer Gordon Castle and the German steamer Stormarn collided in Cardigar bay Sunday night, and both vessels sank. Twenty of the persons on board the Gordon Castle were lost.

The Stormarn was of 355 tons net and

was built at Kiel in 1880. She was 176 feet long, twenty-five feet wide and fifteen and one-half feet deep. owned by the Nord-Ostsee-Rhederel, of Hamburg, The Gordon Castle was of 1,295 tons

net, and was built at Glasgow in 1871. She was 307 feet long, 34.4 feet wide and twenty-five feet deep. She was owned by the S. S. Gordon Castle Company limited (Maclay & McIntyre, of Glas-

### Effect of Democratic Liquor.

A prominent Republican, who is blessed with an undue amount of adipose tissue, was offered a drink of Democratic liquor last Saturday morning, and he took a small amount of it, and when the over-zealous Democrat insisted upon his taking some more, he replied: "It hurts me in my imperialism."—Calhoun Chronicle.

Eyes and Nose Ran Water.—C. G. Archer, of lirewer, Maine, says; "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. I would not be without it." It relieves in ten minutes. Sold by Charles R. Goetze, Twelfth and Market stresta 1.25 Eyes and Nose Ran Water .- C.

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